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Fire chief out for blood

Donor clinic coming to Virgil fire hall

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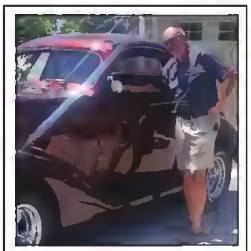

NOTL Kinsmen Car Show

More than 400 cars expected at Kinsmen Scout Hall Sunday

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Printery celebrates Simcoe Day

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Monday, Simcoe Day in Ontario, was celebrated at the MacKenzie Printery and Newspaper Museum in Queenston, which houses the oldest press in Canada. Tour guide Heather Murphy demonstrating how it works to Felicia, Daniel and Maureen DiPietro from New Jersey. The English Common Press, built in the 1760s, was purchased by Sir John Graves Simcoe in 1791. With it he brought printer Louis Roy from Quebec to print the Upper Canada Gazette, a four–page monthly newspaper. Although the press is in working order, it is for display only to preserve it. The museum has a similar press from the same era that provides hands–on experience for visitors.

Painting the town peach

Chamber, church offering lineup of events to celebrate peach harvest

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The town will be painted peach this weekend, with more events than ever to celebrate the harvest.

And it will be a peach of a celebration, with the Chamber of Commerce planning its first ever two-day event in its 23-year history.

Janice Thomson, executive director of the Chamber, says this is the year to "upscale" the celebration in keeping with the branding of Niagara-on-the-Lake, so some changes have been made to the event that has been held on Queen St. for more than two decades.

This Saturday, in keeping with tradition, Queen St. will be closed to traffic between King and Victoria St., with growers selling the best of their peach crop, live music, historic displays and lots of entertainment.

New this year, the Peach Celebration continues after 5 p.m., as Queen St. turns into a Night Market, with local merchants showcasing their products in tents on the street.

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NOTL fire chief out for blood

Fire department is hosting blood donor clinic in Virgil Tuesday

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Niagara-on-the-Lake's fire chief is out for blood.

Canadian Blood Services is partnering with emergency service personnel across Niagara with the Sirens for Life campaign, in an effort to increase donations and blood supplies at a time of year when it is often most needed, and Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Chief Alex Burbidge wants bragging rights.

A regular donor himself, the fire chief has seen first-hand the need for blood, as have many local volunteer firefighters. He doesn't hesitate to roll up his sleeve as often as he can, a habit he developed in his 20s when in training with the RCMP in Regina.

Giving blood has changed dramatically since then, he said.

Although for safety reasons, there are more forms to be filled out, more questions to be answered before donating, the actual process is quicker and much more relaxed than it was when he first donated more than 30 years ago.

Instead of lying on uncomfortable plastic cots side-by-side total strangers in large rooms bustling with people, today's blood donors relax on plush recliners, feet up. At the permanent clinics, there are TVs to watch. And of course, when you're done, there's tea, coffee, juice and cookies to enjoy before heading back to your busy day.

Giving blood has become a time to unwind, de-stress, take it easy while doing something important that can safe the lives of many people.

When the Sirens for Life challenge was launched in June, the NOTL fire chief personally challenged Inspector Chris Cincio of Niagara Falls, and both gave at the kick-off at the Optimist Club in Niagara Falls, making it the 50th donation for Burbidge and the first for Cincio.

If you've never given blood before, this is an opportunity to find out how easy it is, says Burbidge.

And if you're a regular donor, it's a chance to give in your own community.

He and NOTL firefighters are asking us to help make this Niagara campaign as successful as possible, by donating blood in support of their participation in the campaign.

A blood donor clinic will be held Aug. 13 at the Virgil Firehall, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., the first in NOTL for many years.

But you can give blood for this campaign at any location, including the St. Catharines permanent clinic on Ontario St. Just ask, when you make your appointment, that your donation be credited to the NOTL fire department, or you can choose the Niagara Regional Police or any of the emergency services in the Region, says Burbidge—tell them it's for the Sirens for Life campaign, and use the code NIAG014146.

For information, visit www.blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to make an appointment to give blood, or for eligibility information and clinic locations.

Fire Chief Alex Burbidge is set to give blood for his 51st blood donation at a clinic at the Virgil fire hall Tuesday.

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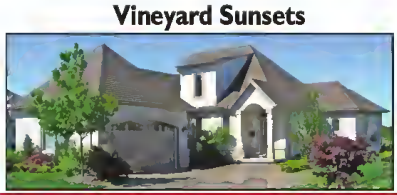

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Peachy weekend for Chamber, church

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Live music continues with Il Poco Latino, a five-piece band; food samples from local restaurants accompanied by NOTL wines and beer from Oast Brewers.

Also new this year, Queen St. will be closed again Sunday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. merchants will present their special-value merchandise from tents set up between Victoria and Regent Street.

From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, 1,000 guests are expected to enjoy the Shades of Summer dinner, held outdoors on Queen St. between King and Regent St.

All tables for eight will be dressed in white linen. Tables are reserved in advance, so book online. Pre-ordered meals can be selected or bring your own creations; all wine and beer must be ordered.

The moonlight, heritage setting, live jazz from a seven-piece band and peaches on every table will set the mood to celebrate the peach harvest, says Thomson.

Although Sunday is traditionally the day to focus on St. Vincent de Paul Church and its Peach Festival, a major fundraiser for the church, Thomson says the events on the street Sunday have been chosen to compliment the church festival, not to take attention away from it.

St. Vincent de Paul Peach Festival co-ordinator Maryann Larrivee is thankful the Chamber is helping to promote the church event along with their two-day celebration, and expects it will increase their attendance rather than detracting from it.

The church will offer fun for all, including a kids corner with face painting, balloon animals, reptiles, a clown and crafts; a barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers; Pig Out with a roasted pig; Linda and Jackie providing live entertainment; a jewelry table, bake table, corn on the cob and various peach items for sale, including peach pies.

About 40 men and women, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Church congregation, have been peeling and slicing about 60 masters of peaches in preparation for 230 pies that will be baked Friday.

And that's in addition to another 50 quart baskets that have already been peeled, cut and made into fresh jam by Margo Van de Laar to be sold at the annual festival.

A committee of dedicated parishioners is working on the popular event, which attracts about 5,000 visitors, providing a traditional family and community event.

But both Van de Laar and Larrivee, who have worked to ensure the festival goes off without a hitch for decades, are retiring this year and hoping young new blood will take over the event.

"I hope we continue to have a festival, but this is it for me," said Van de Laar.

"We need new people to step up to the plate. I'd hate to see a year without a Peach Festival."

The Peach Festival, on the grounds of St. Vincent de Paul Church on Picton St., runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Margo Van de Laar of St. Vincent de Paul Church and Kim Fletcher and Jennifer Chornley of the Chamber of Commerce prepare for a weekend of peach events in NOTL.

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Trees finally trimmed by DND

Quick response from federal government once branches fell and destroyed a shed

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Janet Abrahamse is impressed by how quickly the federal government sent somebody to cut down trees on the Department of National Defence property that were posing a danger to her Shakespeare Ave. home, backyard deck and sheds—after a tree branch came down on one of the sheds.

She had been trying to convince somebody from the federal government that their trees needed trimming for more than a year, fearful that her property was in danger.

Many of the homes along Shakespeare Ave. in the Chautauqua neighbourhood have small backyards that border the DND property, and some of them have fences, yards, sheds and homes that are covered with branches from the mature trees in the Carolinian forest behind them.

A couple of weeks ago, two large branches of trees snapped behind her house, one of them coming down on a temporary shed and destroying it, narrowly missing her deck and gazebo.

"Everyone on Shakespeare whose property borders this property is scared," she said.

It took two weeks, but last Thursday, a crew showed up at her home and cut down all the branches threatening her home and backyard.

"They looked like loggers, 100 feet up in the air," she said.

"They did an awesome job. It's wonderful. Now I don't have to be afraid in my own home any more."

She's been told she will likely be reimbursed the cost of the shed.

She still worries, though, about her neighbours, who are in the same situation she was.

"I'm very pleased, but I'd like to see them come back and finish the job for my neighbours as well."

Kathleen Guillot, a spokesperson from the DND, returned a call Friday made by the Advance a week ago to say the trees had been trimmed and her department is looking for a company to contract to trim the rest of the trees behind Shakespeare Ave. homes.

This is what Janet Abrahamse's backyard looked like two weeks ago. Branches from trees in the Carolinian forest on Department of National Defence property have finally been trimmed, and she can stop worrying about potential damage to her home, she says.

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our editorial

Blood donation easy way to save lives

Every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood.

Canadian Blood Services reports that a recent poll shows 52% of Canadians say they, or a family member, have needed blood or blood products for surgery or for medical treatment.

It takes just about an hour to donate blood, and that hour of your time can save lives.

Approximately one pint of blood is collected during a blood donation.

The plasma portion of a donation is replaced within hours, the platelet portion within days and red blood cells in about 56 days, so blood donors can give blood once every 56 days.

Some people donate blood because they have a family member or a friend needs it, or possibly thinking they themselves might one day need blood.

Others donate because they believe it's the right thing to do.

It's fairly quick, it's easy, it's comfortable—there is little pain involved, just a slight pinch, then sit back and relax.

The need for blood is constant, and never more so than in the summer, when more accidents occur and fewer people are donating.

Our fire department is asking for our help, to boost their numbers in a Sirens for Life campaign, with a little friendly competition amongst emergency service personnel across the region.

They've made it even easier for us by hosting a blood donor clinic right here in Virgil, next Tuesday at the firehall.

It couldn't be more simple - just call to make an appointment and plan to spend about an hour relaxing in an easy chair.

But the best part is the good feeling that comes from knowing you've done something important, that by taking that short amount of time out of your day, you have saved a life.

To help our fire department, call to make a blood donation at the Virgil fire hall Tuesday, Aug. 13, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tell them it's for the Sirens for Life campaign, and use the code NIAG014146.

For information or to make an appointment, visit www.blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283).

Cleaning up for residents and wildlife

Owen Bjorgan, Michael Slingerland, Taylor Sanderson, Jordan Milinkovich and Kira Langendoen clean up garbage along the lakeshore, and encounter provincially-threatened species of wildlife along the way. The shoreline, and surrounding forest and wetlands, were covered in plastics, bottles and other garbage. Members of Biophilic World, a non-profit organization started by Owen Bjorgan that aims to promote the importance of local environment, seek to have community power make a difference for the benefit of wildlife and residents.

letters to the editor

Thanks to all for helping others fight for their lives

This year, 2013, marks the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Cancer Society, and since 1928, countless people have benefitted from our mandate – to one day, eradicate cancer and to improve the lives of those living with cancer and their families.

Cancer has touched far too many lives in our community and while some cures have been found there is still much to be learned.

The Canadian Cancer Society is the largest volunteer organization of its kind in Canada and is able to operate because of the many willing volunteers who give freely of their time, talent and treasures.

In today's world there are many worthwhile causes and many charities which require assistance, at the same time we are faced with an ever-increasing cost of living.

Yet in spite of these possible 'roadblocks' to fundraising, the NOTL Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society has raised nearly $ 60,000 this year. This incredible amount of money has been raised through the tireless efforts of my amazing Branch members, dedicated and hard-working community volunteers, those residents who have supported our April door-to-door Campaign, our Daffodil Pin Sales Campaign, the 14th Annual Golf for a Cure in June and most recently – the Shaw Festival Theatre which gave a generous donation raised from the Town Previews.

To all residents, merchants, businesses, volunteers and supporters of the Canadian Cancer Society I give you my heartfelt appreciation and congratulate a wonderful community for (once again) joining together to help others in a fight for their lives and reminding them – they are not alone.

Debbie Eke
President – NOTL Branch

Leadership starts at top

While I agree with you that respect must be followed during council meetings (Niagara Advance, Aug. 1), I also believe that leadership starts from the top down.

It has been very frustrating and disappointing to watch Lord Mayor Eke and some councillors refuse to act on resident's petitions and continue to ignore suggestions from the community.

Counc. Martin Mazza is one of the few that will seriously listen to residents' concerns, respond in a timely manner, and support issues that are important to residents.

I may be biased as he has been very supportive of our road safety concerns and has advocated for safer roads, while others have ignored us, not returned phone calls or emails.

Counc. Mazza is an intelligent, thoughtful and caring politician who is extremely passionate about what he does. It is evident that he becomes frustrated when Lord Mayor Eke continues to ignore his questions regarding accountability. Does the Town still owe money to the Lincoln County Humane Society? And is the Jet Boat Company not fulfilling all of the conditions of its lease? Counc. Mazza is holding the town accountable – isn't this what councillors are supposed to do?

It is clear that Counc. Mazza represents the people and the community and not big business. So it is not surprising that he and Lord Mayor Eke do not see eye to eye. Residents deserve elected officials who make inquiries on their behalf, hold the town accountable and provide transparency in the process.

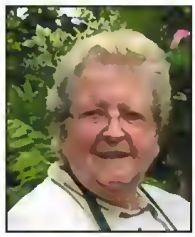
Counc. Mazza acts ethically and responsibly for the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and he delivers.

Pamela Prunner, Co-chair
NOTL Road Safety Committee

opinion

Mystery tree identified – Black Thorn fruit used to flavour sloe gin

Watch out for fungus that affects some impatiens



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

I do not like to see the pots of mums lined up at the nurseries – they are telling us it is time to think about fall – and I don't want to!

This has been a great summer for gardens – and gardeners.

On looking back I realized I achieved two things I had long aspired to, the perennials grew in quickly and so covered the dying spring display, then grew so dense that there was no room for weeds. Well maybe I cannot take credit for all that but I sure liked it.

Now with all our successes this year it is sad to report one very bad blight, that is the downy mildew (a fungus) that has affected some (not all) impatiens. The New Guinea impatiens is not affected. Apparently it starts in the roots. If you find it in your plants, remove them, do not put them in the compost, and do not plant impatiens there again for five years. This is something we want to eradicate completely. So do not play around with it.

Success at last regarding my mystery tree, the one with the small plum-like fruit and long thorns – a friend from St. Catharines (Al Large, the fellow who sharpens the garden tools for us) did a search – it is a Black Thorn and the fruit is used to flavour sloe gin. I doubt I will be of any threat to the wineries!

There has been quite a lot of activity among the birds for a few days, and there have been some goldfinches around, I think they are checking up on the sun flowers, timing things for the seeds.

Well I did something very different (for me) this year, I planted pansies in my containers with the idea that I would switch over to my usual geraniums and begonias, etc., for the summer. Well, the pansies kept blooming so well I just could not get brave enough to pull them out. They are still blooming. I will have to plan differently next year.

A little liquid fertilizer could be a boost for many of the plants that have been working so hard for us this summer, especially after a spell of quite erratic temperatures.

Happy gardening.

Parking grace period at hospital a well–kept secret

Those dropping people off can park for free for up to 20 minutes

Penny Coles
Editor's notebook

The Niagara Health System has worked out a solution to an issue that is particularly troublesome to Niagara-on-the-Lake residents, allowing a free grace period for those who are using the parking lots at the Wellington St. hospital.

But shhhh, don't tell anybody—it's a secret.

If the seniors who drop off loved ones know they can park for 20 minutes for free, they might abuse the system, we're told.

Gates have been installed at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital parking lot, and the smaller lot behind the hospital that is used by those visiting the palliative care office or others in that building.

Other hospitals in the region have drop-offs and pick-ups for patients, where drivers can get close to an accessible door without entering the parking lot. But the configuration of the NOTL site makes that impossible, with the main door set far back from the road and up several steps.

So the Niagara Health System has helpfully agreed that people can park for free for 20 minutes.

Apparently they have passed that information on to doctors and others working in the hospital, so maybe there are lots of people in town in the know. However in my recent visits to a nurse practitioner in Virgil, with conversation about going for blood tests at the hospital, nobody mentioned it to me, nor are there any posters in the office that I saw to fill me in.

If you were to drive into the lot for the first time since the gates were installed, you would have no idea.

I recently was going to drop off a pair of eyeglasses to be repaired at Dr. Robertson Woods' office on Byron St. I started to enter the parking lot, read the list of instructions, and found it confusing. Nowhere did it mention a grace period.

I didn't have change and I wasn't going to use a credit card for $2, just to stop for a few minutes.

So I found a parking spot on the street.

As I parked on Byron St., I watched two other cars begin to pull in to the same parking lot, which was empty, and then back out. There were two machines and a list of instructions, and I apparently wasn't the only one confused, or cheap.

Mari'a Bau Coote, executive director of the NOTL Family Health Team, is at the hospital regularly, either for work or to see her mother, a patient at the hospital.

Most of the visitors, she says, are elderly, with loved ones who are very ill or dying. Like her, they may visit several times a day

Many of those with doctors or visiting the nurse practitioner in the downstairs offices are also seniors.

She has heard the complaints from people about how costly it is to pay for parking, and has seen the confusion the parking barriers cause first-hand, although she says it seems to be getting better.

One of the problems is an entrance to the ambulance bay beside the gates—people pull in, thinking they can avoid paying, and end up blocking the ambulance exit. She has seen as many as three cars there at once, lined up while they wait for someone who has been dropped off. An ambulance trying to get out in a hurry wouldn't be able to until the drivers figure out how to get out of its way.

A parking manager for the Niagara Health System says it's common practice not to advertise the grace period.

People would abuse it, he says, by driving around in circles just under the 20-minute time limit to avoid paying.

He also mentioned veterans can park for free, by using the intercom on the ticket machines, but they choose not to. I wonder if they are aware of that particular benefit.

The parking gates and increased parking fees have been instituted to help slash the health system's $13 million deficit. Visitors pay $2 for a half hour, $4 for one hour, and up to a maximum of $8 for 12 hours. Most of that goes to the private company that runs the parking lots, with a portion of it going to the Niagara Health System.

Those of you dropping somebody off at the hospital or running inside for a minute or 20, take your parking ticket, and when you're ready to leave, pop it in, and you'll get a nice message telling you to drive safely, with a smiley face, before the barriers rise and you leave without paying.

But don't tell anybody. We wouldn't want too many people taking advantage of it - much better to have them parked illegally in desperation or driving around looking for an empty space on the street—we know how easy those are to find at this time of year in downtown NOTL.

letters to the editor

Spread rally message

I attended the Shadow Summit on Wednesday, July 24.

Although I am not associated with any health care delivery, I am concerned that last month the Harper Conservative government cancelled funding for the Health Council of Canada and is withdrawing $36 billion from federal finance transfers to the provinces in 2014 when the Health Accord expires.

I learned about many things that day but the most important is that the crisis that people living in Ontario are facing regarding Medicare cutbacks is shared in provinces and territories across Canada. The fact that more than 2,000 concerned citizens including health care providers from across Canada as well as outspoken Canadians took time out of their work week to attend the rally to let our governing officials know that the expiration of the Health Accord is a burning concern to all Canadians is truly remarkable.

On a personal note, I learned that in Manitoba, personal care support workers (80% full-time and 20% part-time) are paid by the province and receive appropriate benefits, unlike here in Ontario where there is a high turnover rate of lower-payed PSWs who are employees of various agencies that bid for periodic contracts.

I was pleased to hear that our Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne, who hosted this year's Council of Federation was one of three provincial premiers who met with Paul Moist, President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees to discuss not only the concerns of Canadians but to hear the suggestion that with a 2% increase in the HST, the lack of finances problem to cover rising medicare issues could be resolved.

I was happy to see that the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions took out a half page ad in the July 25Niagara Advance to further educate the NOTL community regarding urgent needs that must be addressed now and whom we as citizens can contact to voice our concerns. Although health care issues were not originally on the agenda, the Shadow Summit and Mass Rally obviously made an impact on the premiers as is evidenced on the CBC Radio program The House on Saturday, July 27 with the Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and the PEI Premier Robert Ghiz reporting on some of the health care concerns that were raised by participants at the Shadow Summit and mass rally. This just goes to show that the power of one person multiplied by many can have an impact for society at large. Kudos to the organizers of both the Shadow Summit and mass rally and now it is time for us citizens to carry the message forward to our provincial and federal politicians.

Chris Maclam

Messy, masterful Arcadia

John Stoppard play has trademarks of Bernard Shaw

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

Considering he's regarded as the modern day George Bernard Shaw, it's surprising the great Tom Stoppard hasn't been done at the Shaw Festival until now.

Arcadia has all the Shaw trademarks, both good and exasperating. Characters go on (and on) about whatever idea or theory is floating around in their heads, pinballing off each other with smug assurance. As with Shaw, each character represents a theory Stoppard doesn't so much believe in, but wants to see clash.

In Arcadia, it is both exhausting and mesmerizing. Moments of brilliance erupt at random, to the point I'm convinced a second viewing is required to grasp it all. This is Stoppard at full speed, mixing big laughs and big ideas into something you may never fully grasp, like a math equation that fills chalkboards.

In addition to his plays (Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead the most well-known), Stoppard wrote the screenplay for Brazil and won an Oscar for Shakespeare in Love. But he also went uncredited for Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade and is rumoured to have finessed the dialogue in Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith. He's an accessible intellectual.

He's essentially Shaw, had Shaw dropped 'f' bombs and cracked jokes about farting in bed. Which, admit it, would make Saint Joan a whole lot funnier.

At bare minimum, Arcadia is a mystery taking place between 1809 and present day. It involves famed poet Lord Byron – who is never actually in the play – and whether he shot and killed another writer named Ezra Chater. Literary professor Bernard Nightingale (a show-stealing Patrick McManus) is researching the theory at an English country house Byron reputedly stayed in two centuries earlier, hoping to gain fame from the ensuing lecture.

But the theory is flawed, as we discover with frequent trips back to 1809 where the same house is inhabited by a writer named Hodge (Gray Powell) tutoring the 13-year-old daughter of the house Thomasina (Kate Besworth) while enjoying some "carnal embrace" with Chater's wife.

From this springboards what Arcadia's really about – everything. The meaning of life. The order of the universe. The concept of fate. Was what happened 200 years ago preordained, or a random occurrence which threw everything, the universe itself maybe, out of whack?

"The unpredictable and the predetermined create everything," muses math wiz Valentine Coverly, a modern-day descendent of the brilliant Thomasina who is determined to finish her work. As played by Martin Happer, he's a scholar of chaos theory, in which overlapping events change all that follows until a strange, logical pattern can be found.

Bernard begs to differ – during his frequent, mean spirited debates with best-selling author Hannah (Diana Donnelly), he values literature over science. "A poet is always timely," he says. "A great philosopher is an urgent need, there is no rush for Isaac Newton."

All of this should be a gigantic clusterfrick, but there's a flow and gonzo spirit to Stoppard's play that's hard to resist. The mystery intrigues us, but it's the debate and arguments that engage us. There is genuinely funny, fascinating stuff going on here, even if you can't connect all the dots. Can a play be both a mess and masterpiece?

One thing's for certain – it will still be performed hundreds of years from now, raising the same questions.

Tom Stoppard and the Shaw Festival ... it's about bloody time you two met.

Arcadia is at the Shaw Studio Theatre until Sept. 7. For information or to order tickets call 905-468-2172 or visit shawfest.com.

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Cabaret coming 2014

Shaw to tackle classic musical next season

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

Midway through its 2013 season, the Shaw Festival has unveiled what's in store for its flagship theatre next year.

While the full 2014 playbill hasn't been announced yet, the three shows coming to the 856-seat Festival Theatre were revealed by artistic director Jackie Maxwell Thursday.

"As it is the largest of our four theatres, it's essential that we program the Festival Theatre with works of broad appeal, brought to new life by brilliant creative teams," she says.

Continuing its recent trend of big, well-known musicals anchoring the season, the company will tackle the classic *Cabaret* for the first time ever. The Tony and Oscar-winning musical will be directed by Peter Hinton, who helmed this season's popular production of *Lady Windermere's Fan*.

Set in 1931 Berlin, the show focuses on the seedy night life inside the Kit Kat Club as the Nazis rise to power. Liza Minnelli won the Oscar for Best Actress for Bob Fosse's 1972 film.

Maxwell feels Hinton's unique eye for visuals will be a perfect match for the John Kander / Fred Ebb musical.

"Anyone who has seen Peter's work will appreciate his ability to evoke an era from a new and contemporary point of view."

The second big production for 2014 at the Festival Theatre will be the classic romantic comedy *The Philadelphia Story*, best known for the 1940 film starring Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn. The play is about a ritzy East Coast household thrown into chaos when socialite Tracy Lord's wedding plans hit a snag by the arrival of her ex-husband and a journalist digging for dirt. It will be directed by Theatre Calgary artistic director Dennis Garnhum.

Rounding out the Festival Theatre slate in 2014 will be the surprise return of George Bernard Shaw's *The Philanderer*, just seven years after its last production at the Royal George Theatre.

It's one of Shaw's earliest plays and one of his most accessible, audience-pleasing comedies. It will be directed by two-time Obie Award winner Lisa Peterson, making her Shaw Festival debut.

Casting and creative teams will be finalized at a later date.

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Is self–policing of tourist rentals beneficial or conflict?

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Council recently approved new bylaws to control tourist rental accommodations, including a policy for licence suspension or denials and an appeal process.

But councillors are wrestling with who should hear the appeals.

A bylaw that would establish a committee to hear appeals on short-term accommodation licences that have been revoked or rejected has been deferred while the Town lawyer is asked to look at whether it would be a conflict of interest for someone who owns a cottage rental or bed and breakfast to be on that committee.

The staff recommendation suggested committee members should not be affiliated with short-term rentals, as there could be a conflict of interest.

Five people had applied to sit on the committee, three of them in the business of accommodation rentals. The report before councillors recommended the committee be made up of three people, with a recording secretary, the Town clerk and the bylaw supervisor to provide assistance, as well as a staff member of the fire department when necessary.

But Counc. Gary Zalepa asked for an amendment to the licensing bylaw that would see three people "from the licensing environment" and two members from the general public on the committee, and the amendment passed.

Professional review committees, including those for doctors, lawyers, real estate agents and many others, routinely have members of those professions self-policing, said Zalepa.

It's not considered a conflict, he said, but rather a logical approach of having those who best understand the business, and who have professional reasons for wanting to uphold the standards of the industry, involved in the decision-making process.

He believes the same applies when hearing appeals from owners of accommodation rental properties.

'I don't see it as a conflict at all," said Zalepa, "unless it's your cottage or your bed and breakfast, and then you'd have to step out of the discussion."

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Town to seek legal advice on appeal committee conflict of interest

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Similarly, if an appeal comes from a friend or neighbour, that could be a reason to stay out of the decision, he said, "but I think it would be an asset to have people on the committee who know what the expectations are, what is considered normal practice. I think they would want the highest standards maintained. I'm not a lawyer, but in my experience dealing with similar organizations, that would be perceived as a benefit, not a conflict."

The licensing bylaw sets up a list of standards and policies that must be met, such as conforming to bylaws that deal with property standards, clean yards, fences, pools, noise and nuisance, and regulations under the Ontario Fire Code, with fines for violations.

But other complaints could come up, said Zalepa, and over time, he would expect boundaries to be set regarding what is considered acceptable, with some interpretation necessary, making it seem all the more beneficial to have those with some understanding of that sector on the appeal committee.

Any decisions of the committee would have to be approved by council, the final decision-maker in allowing, rejecting or suspending a licence.

But when the amendment came to council last week, Counc. Andrea Kaiser, who sat on the committee that studied accommodation rental zoning and licensing, and which led to the appeal process, objected and asked for a deferral. She wants the Town lawyer to be consulted for advice on the conflict of interest issue.

Surely, she told council, owners of rental accommodation would have a financial interest in the outcome of another owner being denied a licence, and as such should not be on an appeal committee charged with giving that advice to council.

The licensing bylaw is expected to come to councillors at the next committee of the whole meeting, Aug. 12.

Former school property cleaned up

Victoria St. residents still have an eyesore for a view

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When Barrie Mathews moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake almost 10 years ago, St. Vincent de Paul School across the street from him had been closed, and the entire block bordered by John St., Anne, Gate and Victoria was an empty field surrounding a vacant building.

The weeds in the field were kept mowed, but the school became derelict and a hang-out for kids at night, he said.

Then the school was torn down, and the block didn't look too bad from his Victoria St. home.

But in the last couple of years it has deteriorated, with no move toward construction, says Mathews.

The plan for a seniors residence has been changed, and the current approved site plan is better than what was originally proposed as far as neighbours are concerned—there will be a four-storey apartment building in the centre of the block, surrounded by 20 single family homes to present a streetscape that is more in keeping with the neighbourhood.

Although there still could be changes to the proposal, there shouldn't be any significant differences that would be of concern to the neighbours, says town planning director John Henricks.

And those who are getting impatient to see the end to a mountain of dirt and a field of weeds should be reassured to hear the developer is anxious to begin marketing his project and could begin construction as early as this fall.

In the meantime, as a result of a complaint by Mathews to the planning director early last month, who then met with the developer, some progress has been made to clean up the field.

"He's done a reasonable job," said Mathews.

The town also got into the act and cut the grass on the road allowance, he said.

But the mountain of dirt remains, and will for a while.

It's top soil that has been scraped off the field and will be replaced as construction is underway, said Henricks. Although some weeds are necessary to keep down the drifting of dirt, he said he could see if the pile of soil could be cleaned up a little.

Mathews also expressed concern about the condition of Victoria, Anne, and Gate Streets around the site, with narrowed lanes and potholes.

A portion of Anne St., from King to Victoria St., was resurfaced by the Town last week, but Vince Baffa, the project developer, is responsible for the repaving around his block, and isn't expected to move on that until construction is finished.

It could be a year or more before construction on the assisted living and seniors apartments begins, says Henricks, since it's generally more difficult to market condominiums and a percentage needs to be sold before financing for that portion of the project can be obtained.

Meanwhile, Henricks promises to stay on top of the maintenance of the site. The contractor was quick to respond when he was asked to do some work on the site last month, and can be expected to do the same again if necessary, said Henricks.

And if Mathews and his neighbours aren't satisfied, they should contact him and he will do what he can to rectify their problem, he added.

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

This is the view of residents of Victoria St. from Anne to John St., where housing construction is expected to begin in the fall. Neighbours of the proposed development on the site of the former St. Vincent de Paul School have been looking at a large field of weeds for almost a decade.

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- Pig Out hamburgers and hot dogs at Noon
- Linda and Jackie providing live entertainment (singing and playing guitar)
- Jewellery table
- Bake table
- Various peach items for sale, including peach punch, peach crepes, peach jam, peach pies, and peach sundaes

10 am - 5 pm: Retail Market

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kitt: pertaining to St. Catharines aka St. Kitts
cat: a player or devotee of jazz
col-lec-tive: of, relating to, or being a group of individuals

The 'Kitt Cat Collective' was formed by local Niagara musicians Juliet Dunn and Peter Shea.

Both Dunn (jazz vocalist and radio host on Jazz FM91) and Shea (long-time jazz vocalist, pianist and drummer) have an ongoing connection to jazz and swing and always dreamed of compiling a band with a horn section.

With that, Kitt Cat Collective was formed and includes St. Catharines and Niagara musicians. The group features songs from the greats such as Count Basie, Nat King Cole, Benny Goodman, the Gershwins, Cole Porter and more.

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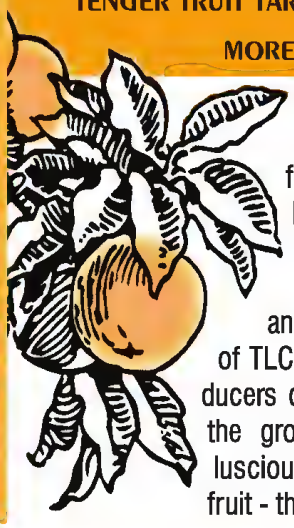

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Town monitoring jet boats

Residents complain about lease violations

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The jet boat operation started this season at the Melville St. dock with a new 10-year lease and fines set out for violations, but the Town seems to be having difficulty enforcing the terms of the lease.

Counc. Jamie King was one of the councillors who spoke of his concerns about the Whirlpool Jet Boat operations when the new lease of the town-owned dock was approved earlier this year.

About two months ago, King says he presented Town staff with photographs residents had sent him clearly showing some of the terms of the lease are being violated—those about to take the adventurous ride are going through the orientation process on the street, where they are not supposed to be, and buses are parking on the street, rather than in the parking lot.

When the new lease was being discussed, residents spoke to council about the problem of a 10-year lease and the difficulty of enforcing its conditions, but Town staff included an escape clause for both the Town and Whirlpool Jet Boats, and with fines for violations in place, assured residents the rules would be enforced.

At council last week, King asked whether the actions of the company had changed since the Town bylaw officers were asked to monitor conditions on Melville St. earlier this year.

"All in all I'd say we've seen an improvement," replied the Town's chief administrative officer Mike Galloway, reading from an e-mail written by the bylaw supervisor.

Staff have been monitoring the street, Galloway said, and a number of times saw the company carrying on its business as dictated by the terms of its lease.

"They're there on a fairly regular basis making sure they're following the rules," said Galloway.

"The supervisor of enforcement is committed to continuing to monitor it during the season."

King said he is hearing conflicting reports from residents, who still feel the rules aren't being followed.

"I'm hearing the same feedback, that there hasn't been much progress made," said King. "The issue to me is one of cmpromise, what works for the operator and for the residents. It's critical the terms of the lease be adhered to. I can't monitor it in person, so I'm asking for it to be monitored closely."

He wants to know if further action is appropriate, in the way of fines, and if so, whether the Town has the necessary information to support its position, he said.

Counc. Martin Mazza also pressed Galloway for further information from the bylaw supervisor—what exactly staff witnessed and what has improved—bringing a promise of a follow-up and further action if appropriate.

Jet boat customers have been clogging the street for orientation, not sticking to the King George III property as the terms of the lease dictate, Counc. Jamie King told council recently based on information he has heard from residents.

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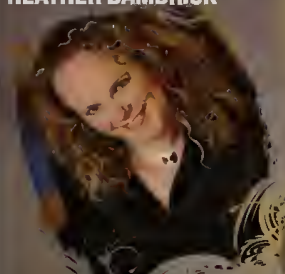

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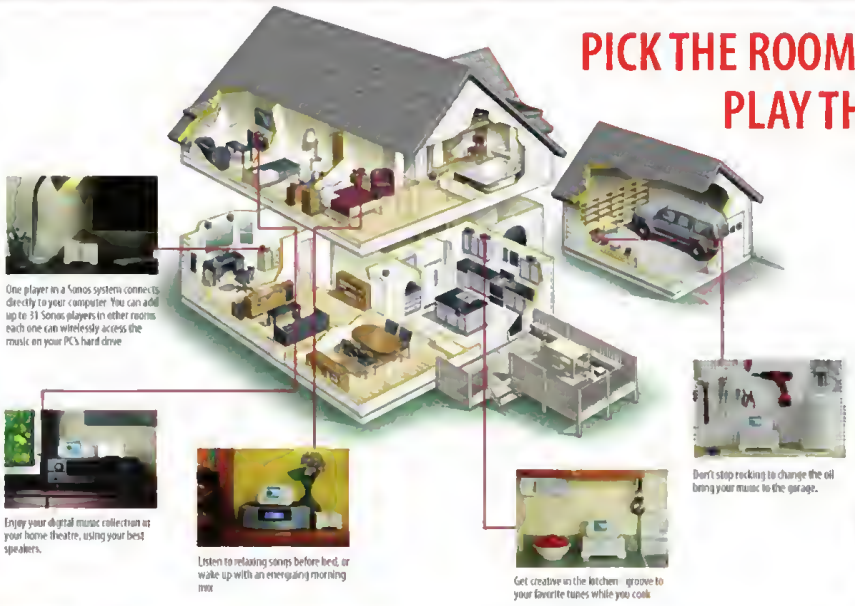

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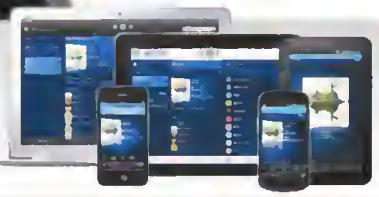

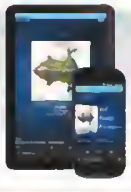

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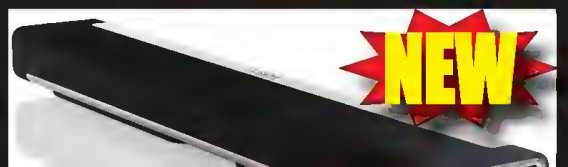

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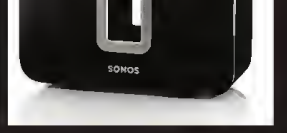

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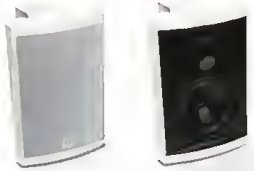

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Award–winning musician to sing, speak at church

Randy Stonehill to bring his Christian music to Life Abundant Fellowship

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When musician Randy Stonehill was at Life Abundant Fellowship in June at the request of long-time fan Pastor Rick Mills, he packed the house for the Sunday service and a Monday night concert.

He's back this Sunday, again at the invitation of Mills, for their morning service.

Stonehill, a singer and songwriter considered one of the pioneers of contemporary Christian music, is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and a Grammy-award nominee.

Mills says Stonehill was the musician he and others in their teens in the 1970s who were discovering "Jesus music" looked to for inspiration, and he has been a huge fan ever since.

"His music was influential in our spiritual development. I listen to all genres of music, but he is still one of my favourites, as a singer, songwriter and poet. He's still writing music today that's just as relevant as it was then. He's 61, and when he performs, just him and an acoustic guitar, he leaves nothing on the stage. When he was here in June, I watched people in the audience, and they were grinning ear to ear."

Stonehill recently wrote a song honouring Billy Graham, says Mills. When Graham's daughter heard the song, she told him it captured her father's life, and asked Stonehill if he would visit Graham's cabin in South Carolina and share it.

The visit took place recently and Stonehill spoke to Mills about how moving it was for him.

Christian singer, songwriter and poet Randy Stonehill will be at Life Abundant Fellowship to sing and speak during Sunday's service.

Graham, 94, goes from bed to wheelchair and doesn't go out, but he is still mentally sharp, Stonehill told him, really enjoyed the song, and was touched that Stonehill is including it on his next album.

"I have asked Randy if he would come and share that story, that song and some others," said Mills, "and his own personal time of coming to faith."

Mills said he wants locals to know they are welcome to come to hear Stonehill sing and speak.

"He has an amazing story to tell, and songs that have stood the test of time."

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The closing weekend begins Thursday evening at Ravine Vineyard with a concert by jazzman Michael Occhipinti and his unique Sicilian Jazz Project concert. Occhipinti spent a summer travelling around Sicily listening to folk and popular music and creating a soundscape of the island culture.

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At St. Mark's on Friday night the legendary jazz pianist Dick Hyman presents a concert based on the music of the current Shaw Festival productions of *Guys and Dolls* and *The Light in the Piazza*. Hyman is one of the most accomplished jazz pianist/composer/arrangers in the business and his view on these great musicals is sure to please.

The Saturday program features three concerts, beginning at 11:30 a.m., in the wine cellar at Ravine, with the Music and Wine series, led by Music Niagara Artistic Director Atis Bankas and his CamerAtis Ensemble playing the music of Mozart and Beethoven.

Saturday evening at St. Mark's, Music Niagara offers the finale concert with a double bill production led by the brilliant pianist Naida Cole. After her debut at Carnegie Hall and recordings on Deutsche Grammophon, Cole took a break to study medicine. She is now a resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and this concert marks her return to the Canadian stage. She will be joined by the CamerAtis Ensemble and will play works by Schubert and Mozart.

The second half of the evening takes on a lighter note with Colin Maier and The Misguided Band presenting a unique combination of diverse genres, virtuosic music, vocals and comedy while playing fiddle tunes, pipe music and popular tunes - all with an Irish accent.

Later that evening on the patio at the Epicurean Bistro on Queen St., the Larry Bond Trio presents a relaxing program of jazz classics from Swing and Latin to Blues and Broadway.

The last concert of the 2013 season is a free concert in Simcoe Park Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. with the Niagara Falls Concert Band.

Reflecting on the significant achievement of 15 years of concert music, Bankas said he continues to be inspired by the devotion of the Music Niagara audience, who support the festival in so many ways.

"They come to the concerts faithfully, not always knowing exactly what to expect, but arriving with confidence that we will show them something musically interesting whether it's a classic chamber quartet concert or an alternative folk/rock band, or a new creation by an accomplished veteran," said Bankas.

"As an Artistic Director, I believe it's my job to create a program that appeals to devoted fans of the classics, but who want to see what else is going on in the world of music. I am really gratified that our choices seem to please."

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Play for bragging rights, Red Roof at annual Croquet Tournament

Fundraiser a fun community event that raises money for a great cause

Mellissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

Grab a teammate, a mallet, and get ready for some competitive croquet Aug. 11, at Riverbend Inn.

From noon until 3 p.m., participants will not only swing for bragging rights, but also to raise money for Red Roof Retreat.

The fourth annual fundraising croquet tournament, organized by Kevan O'Connor, typically raises between $6,000 and $10,000 for the cause.

"It's just a really fun day," said O'Connor.

The fundraiser started after Riverbend Inn was sold to Arlene DelBen.

"She asked me to put together a croquet tournament, and I thought it was great idea to raise money for a good cause," said O'Connor.

"There's also a large trophy that is given, along with bragging rights. Players made it known last year that they're really good croquet players. There's a lot of excitement to dethrone last year's winners."

Many who attend have never played croquet before. Participants don't have to be experienced. Members of the NOTL Croquet Club will be on hand to teach the newcomers.

Having croquet as the sport of choice for the fundraiser is what makes the event so unique, says O'Connor. Anyone over the age of 10 is able to participate.

He said the challenge of croquet is team strategy as well as passing the wickets.

"Our wickets are pretty tight, so it's challenging to get them through."

O'Connor said the ideal number of players is between 80 and 100, which allows every player to be engaged.

Most of the money is raised through sponsorship, however, there is a $25 fee for each player to enter. O'Connor encourages people to wear white, but to have fun with it.

"Awards will be given out for the best dressed. In the past we've had Jackie O and Lady Gaga join us to play some croquet," laughed O'Connor.

The trophy that is won by the top team is the Michael DelBen Memorial Trophy.

"It's a prestige trophy. Last year's winners took it for a tour of Old Town with them," he said.

"This event is such a unique and relaxing way for the community and corporate groups to come together on a Sunday afternoon and help raise funds for a great cause," said Steffanie Bjorgan, executive director of Red Roof Retreat, which offers day programs and respite care for special needs children and young adults.

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Beautiful setting for tournament

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"We constantly look for new and diverse ways to bring fun into our fund-raising and Riverbend is a beautiful setting for an event," she said.

The tournament will be played at Riverbend Inn, 16104 Niagara River Parkway. To sign up to play, contact Red Roof Retreat at 905-684-0235, sign up on their Facebook page, or contact O'Connor at 905-641-5844.

The NOTL Croquet Club is supported by the St. Catharines Croquet Club.

Organizers Kevan O'Connor and Steffanie Bjorgan hope for a good turnout for Sunday's croquet tournament at Riverbend Inn, which raises money for Red Roof Retreat.

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Car show a family event

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

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Those interested in vintage cars will certainly he ahle to take a drive down memory lane this weekend with classics from decades gone hy, hut he sure to take the family along for the ride.

Sunday is the NOTL Kinsmen Cluh's 15th annual car show at the Scout Hall on King Street, with ahout 400 cars expected, rain or shine.

Car enthusiasts hring their collectors' items from as far as Toronto and the US, says organizer Wig Baldauf.

The fundraising show and shine is one of the main fundraisers for the Kinsmen, with proceeds going to fund Cystic Fihrosis, the Kinsmen International cause, as well as local minor sports and other community causes.

The cost to enter a car into the car show is $10, and spectators pay $3, with kids under 12 admitted free.

Kids won't he hored, promises Baldauf.

"This is truly a family day, where parents and grandparents can share stories with their children and grandchildren ahout all the vintage cars they will see."

There is great harhecue to enjoy, good old-time music with hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s and for those who are so inclined, heer and wine will also he availahle.

Come and see some older models, newer models, military, vintage and classic vehicles hetween 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

NOTL Kinsman Wig Baldauf stands in awe of this vintage 36 Chevy, which he hopes will be on display at the car show Sunday at the Kinsmen Scout Hall on King St. at Mary St.

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Sports

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Last year for binational racing regatta hosted by Youngstown, N.Y.

Too many rules and regulations to make race feasible

Colleen McLaughlin
Special to the Advance

For 40 years the Youngstown Yacht Club, located on the Niagara River directly across from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Yacht Club has hosted the bi-national Level Racing Regatta event.

The last of this three-day celebration from July 26 to 28, brought in more than 200 crafts, from Lake Ontario as far away as Kingston, and from the US states of New York, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana were represented.

Some boats located on Lake Erie even ventured through the Welland Canal to reach the starting line. The smallest boat was a 21-foot, four-person crew, up to 45-foot, 12-person crewed sailboats.

The object is to compete against each other on a designated racecourse in similar designed boats 'level' (size of) vessel.

There were 20 different classes this year, having five races each; their scores based on an average of the number of races sailed.

The top prize wins a trophy, some sponsored gifts and bragging rights for a year; the additional winnings for all participants include the fellowship amongst ones peers and neighbours is endless.

A regatta is truly a beautiful sight to watch. Unlike other sporting events, which are based on the power of an individual animal, athlete or teams or the stealth of a racing vehicle, sailing a boat in a regatta is a combination of many things—a sound boat, a skipper who knows her, the wind, and the water, and a loyal team of a tactician, a helmsman and crew members, all relying on each other's skill, agility and bravery.

They compete in several races against other boats identical to theirs in size and weight. What will set them apart and declare one of them a winner in their own level is their strategy, tactics, dedication and love of sailing above all else.

This three-day event took 300 volunteers, American and Canadian to support the participants. The organization of racecourse, sponsors and entertainment are practically a year-round commitment and this year's committee is to be commended. All start times were met, any /all disputes resolved and the entertainment and festivities were well received.

This event will truly be missed by the people and businesses of Youngstown; but not as much as it will be missed by the sailors themselves. The winners and race results can be found on www.yyc.org or www.yachtscoring.com.

Funny, that celebrating this ancient sport, on a nationally shared body of water, with the camaraderie and mutual respect our two nations have for each other, should end on the very bicentennial Year of the War of 1812, which defined this area of the world, is truly sad.

A combination of bureaucratic rules and regulations from both countries, have made it increasingly difficult to travel simply across a 1/4 mile (the closest point of the Niagara River) with a travel time of 5 minutes.

The newest problem has been the sensitivity to the imaginary boundary in the water; for unlike a cartoon or a paper map, some statesmen don't realize that there is no dotted line throughout the Niagara River and the Great Lakes, defining the US/Canadian border.

Three different classes of sailboats round the same mark at this year's 40th (and last) Level Regatta held in Youngstown, N.Y., July 26 to 28.

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NOTL Golf Club reports results of league play

Van Straten has longest putt and drive for ladies business league, Mark Hicks Jr. wins men's league play

Last Monday Maureen Kaufman of the 2:15 the Business Ladies League of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club won with the low score of 54.

Maureen Dalgleish had the longest putt, Jane Mccrossan had closest to the pin on #4 and Laura Swallow on #9. Swallow also had the longest drive.

In the 5:15 ladies' group Oksana Shaw and Mary Beccario shared the low score of 49; Lisa Van Straten had the longest putt and the longest drive, and Pam Jeacock had the closest to the pin on #4, and Carolyn Lane on #9.

In the WOOFS (Worn out old fellows) league play last Tuesday, Harry Huizer finished with the low score of 38; Brad Dalgleish had low net with 29; Randy Busbridge was closest to the pin on #4 and Rick Schulz won the hidden hole on #6.

In the Thursday Mens League play, Mark Hicks Jr. won low gross with 32.

A Flight Winner: Rob Haylor 23 pts

B Flight Winner: Joe Pillitteri 25 pts

C Flight Winner: Tom Elltoft 23 pts

Closest to the pins were Chris Bowron on #1, Wil Neufeld on #4, Joe Pillitteri on #7 and Rob Patterson on #9.

NOTL cyclist wins Terra Cotta road race

Joey Carone, 12, of NOTL (centre) takes the podium to celebrate his win of the Tour de Terra Cotta peewee division youth cup road race Monday, a competition that attracts 700 racers of all ages from across Canada and the US. It is also Ontario's largest youth cycling race and features full road closures through the scenic hills of Caledon.

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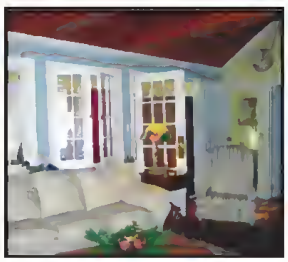

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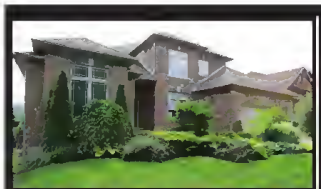

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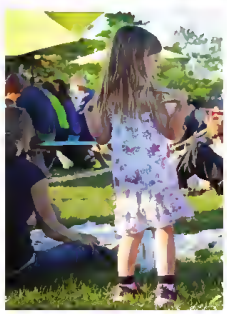

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